



## Helmick takes command

Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick (third from right), SETAF commander, passes the SETAF guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Weik, completing the change of command ceremony held Monday on the North 40. This is Helmick's second time serving the community, he previously served in Vicenza as the operations officer and then later as the executive officer for the 3d Battalion (Airborne), 325th Infantry Regiment, from April 1986 until April 1989. Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya has left SETAF to serve as the commander of the U.S. Joint Forces Command Joint Warfighting Center, in Suffolk, Va. (Photo by Sgt. Adrian Schulte, SETAF Public Affairs)

## Not your average day at the pool *Water Survival training has Soldiers learning to swim, not sink*

By Sgt. Brandon Aird  
173d Airborne Brigade Public Affairs

You and your squad leader are in a convoy of vehicles on the way for a night-time raid on a village somewhere in Iraq. You have night-vision goggles on and you're the last vehicle in the convoy following a narrow road that parallels a canal. The dust being kicked up from the vehicles is severely hindering your vision.

The next thing you know, your left-side tires are no longer on the road, your vehicle flips and you're now in the canal, which is six feet of fast-moving water. Now the choice is yours – sink or swim. It sounds like an easy choice, but not for everyone.

The situation above isn't based on a real event, but unfortunately too many deaths have happened from similar situations.

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, participated in company-level Combat Water Survival Training calss held at the new CWST pool

on Villaggio June 30. Water survival training is used to help Soldiers realize their strengths and weaknesses.

"I didn't know my NCOIC wasn't a strong swimmer," said Spc. Esteban Pope, an administration specialist in HHC.

Soldiers had to swim 15 meters with load bearing equipment, M-4 dummy weapon, uniform and boots. The weapon didn't have to be carried above the water – the only requirement was to make it the 15 meters with all the gear.

For some Soldiers the task was easy, for others it wasn't. Some Soldiers, even with the help of floatation devices, couldn't make the 15-meter swim.

"It wasn't too hard for me, but it definitely wasn't easy," said Spc. Andrew Halley, the armorer for HHC. "It's kind of nice to do outside the box physical training."

Besides swimming 15 meters, Soldiers also had to jump into the pool, swim to the bottom and take off all of their equipment before coming to the surface. The exercise helped Soldiers practice taking off their gear underwater.

"That exercise was the easiest of the three," said Pope, "but even some people had problems with it and couldn't complete it."

The last exercise was to be blind folded, spun around in circles and gently pushed into the pool. Soldiers had to take off the blindfold, orient themselves, swim to the surface and get out of the pool, all while maintaining their equipment.

The water survival training only lasted an hour, but is already seen as a valuable training tool to help Soldiers with their water survival skills.

**Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team prepare their equipment for Combat Water Survival training held in the new CWST pool on Villaggio June 30. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Alfred Perches, SETF G3)**



## Kamiya bids farewell to community

By Maj. Gen. Jason K. Kamiya  
Former SETAF commander

Dear friends:

You would think that the more tours you have in the Army, the easier it would be to say goodbye. Being her intuitive self after 28 years of marriage, Carmen told me the other day that I'd better start admitting to myself that despite the time demands of the job, leaving Italy, leaving this wonderful community, leaving you, was affecting me more than I cared to admit.

When I came out on the field Monday morning and heard the music, saw the colors and so many close friends, I couldn't help but get caught up in the moment and face the reality that my time in SETAF was about to end. A few I have heard are celebrating...but so many others, both Italian and American, have stepped forward during these last couple of weeks to convey genuine thanks and sincerest best wishes to my family and me.

I just can't figure out where the time has gone! To be given the opportunity to come to Europe and take command of this superb organization; to form, train, and deploy it to Afghanistan; then to redeploy and establish conditions for transformation has been the most personally and professionally rewarding experience of my entire life, and I want to thank General McKiernan and the Army's senior leadership for allowing me to command SETAF at such a challenging and exciting time in our history.

If you ask me, "What, among all the experiences over the last two years, will I remember most?" I would tell you that there are two things:

First, it would be the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who were killed in action during our year in Afghanistan, and the service members of the NATO/Coalition who also paid the ultimate sacrifice. I know that the effects of these tragic losses extend to friends and families all across the globe. I will always remember and honor their sacrifice and that of their families not only in public, but also in my quiet, private moments of reflection and prayer.

Second, it would be all of you from our Italian host nation, United States Army Europe, and the Vicenza/Camp Darby communities. It has been a true honor to work alongside you to keep our soldiers trained and ready, to keep our communities vibrant and safe, and to look beyond the present, visualize what promises to be a dynamic and exciting future, and to work hand-in-hand with our host nation toward making that future a reality.

Each assignment the Army has given us has allowed our family to grow and this assignment was no exception. I want to thank Carmen for her active involvement in the community, particularly in our Soldier and family readiness programs. I recognize that this, coupled with the additional responsibilities during our recent deployment to Afghanistan and raising two daughters near single-handedly is a lot for a Soldier to ask. But she helps keep our family grounded and demonstrates through personal example that command these past two years was never, ever about *us*. Rather, it has been about all of *you* — *our* community, *our* service members and *your* families and loved ones.

In closing, thank you again to all of you. The Kamiya family will never forget our time in Italy and what you all have meant to us. May God bless you and all that you stand for...and may he raise you up on eagles' wings, and continue to hold each and every one of you in the palm of his hand.

Best wishes and farewell.



Maj. Gen. Jason and Carmen Kamiya.



## Command change at AFN South

By AFN South Public Affairs  
Press Release

Lt. Col. Donald Ross assumed responsibilities as the 16th commanding officer of American Forces Network South June 30 in a change of command ceremony on Hoekstra Field.

The AFN South guidon passed from Lt. Col. Scott Malcom who served in the post for just over two years. Col. Ricky Sims, AFN Europe commander, was the presiding officer during the ceremony.



"I am truly honored to be standing before you as the new commander of AFN South," Ross said in remarks after taking command. "I assure you that my bubbles are level and that I'm charged and ready to accept this challenge."

Ross comes to AFN South after serving as the Army's Training with Industry representative at FOX News in New York, and as the Public Affairs Officer for the Army's Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, New York Branch.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Parachutist Badge.

Ross comes to AFN South accompanied by his wife, Michele; sons, Marc and Luke; and daughter, Melia.

Malcom and his family will move to Mannheim, Germany, where he will assume command of AFN Europe in late July.

**Lt. Col. Donald Ross, incoming commander of American Forces Network South, address the crowd gathered to watch the change of command ceremony June 30 on Hoekstra Field. Ross replaces Lt. Col. Scott Malcolm, who leaves for Mannheim, Germany where he will head up AFN Europe. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)**

## Kamiya thanks garrison civilians for contributions during his tenure



**Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, former SETAF commander, spoke to the USAG Vicenza civilian workers Wednesday in the Ederle Theater, thanking them for all their hard work and support while he was here, and when the troops were deployed to Afghanistan. Kamiya, has been selected as the commander of the U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC), based in Suffolk, Va. and the director of joint training.**

## DOL identifies potential problems with new car purchases in Italy

USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistics  
Press Release

During the past few months, the USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistic Customs office has identified a potential problem concerning the purchasing of tax-free vehicles, which are imported into Italy.

The DOL Customs office provides customs clearance service to authorized logistical supported personnel for the import of privately-owned automobiles as defined in the NATO SOFA, AE regulation 55-355 and Tri-Component Directive.

The DOL Customs Clearance officer would like to ensure that the soldiers, civilians and family members assigned to the Vicenza community understand some important customs issues that are involved when purchasing new vehicles.

When purchasing a new vehicle that is being delivered from outside of Italy, the buyer should ensure (prior to taking possession of the vehicle from the dealer) that the customs document which accompanied the vehicle has properly cleared customs.

Although this should be the responsibility of the sales agent, there are some agencies that place the buyers name on the import customs document in lieu of their own company name.

By doing this, the selling agent causes the buyer to become responsible to the Italian Customs Office for the customs document (Article 305 Customs Code).

Failure to clear the document can result in the Italian customs office issuing fines and fees to the buyer (not the seller), which can range in the tens of thousands of euros.

Since not all new vehicles purchased and brought into Italy arrive under customs documentation, it is difficult for someone outside the customs field to understand clearance procedures.

For this reason the customs clearance officer suggests that, when purchasing a new vehicle, buyers always ask the sales agent if the vehicle will be imported under customs "T-1" or other customs bond.

If the answer to this is yes, then the buyer should always inquiry how that company will go about clearing this document.

Additionally, the buyer should inquire from the selling agent if his or her name will be placed on the customs import document or if the sales agent's company name will be utilized. *It is highly recommended that the buyer have the selling agent put their company name in the destination portion (number 8) of the T-1.* This not only places responsibility on that company, but could avoid problems for the servicemember if the customs document is not properly closed out.

An important reminder: Once a customs document expires, it can result in the individual who is named on the document paying fines and import fees.

Buyers should thoroughly read every document they sign. If a request for issuance of a customs bond or customs document is signed by the buyer, then the vehicle will be arriving under customs.

If, after speaking with the selling agent, the buyer still has questions about customs, he or she should contact the DOL customs clearance office at e-mail [Vicenzacustoms@setaf.army.mil](mailto:Vicenzacustoms@setaf.army.mil) or by calling 634-7978 (Civ 0444-71-7978).

## Red Cross offers Summer Youth program

Each summer the American Red Cross holds a Summer Youth program designed to encourage youth to support our community. This summer, the Vicenza American Red Cross will be working with AFN to introduce the youth to the creativity involved with working with that type of professional. The youth that sign up will create commercials that will provide information about the American Red Cross.

The Summer Youth Program is open to any

child 12 and older who has an I.D. card.

The program is split into two sessions. Session 1 will be held from July 24-28. Session 2 will be held from Aug. 7-11. Both sessions are from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Pre-registration is required for both sessions.

To sign up for the Summer Youth Program, stop by the American Red Cross office, room 47 in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

For more information, call 634-7089 or Civilian, 0444-71-7089.

## Hydrate to stay in the fight

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center  
Press Release

As the long hot summer months continue with little relief in sight, individuals need to be aware of the increased dangers of heat related injuries.

Taking a drink of water when thirsty may be too little too late in some cases.

"You may already be 1-2 percent dehydrated at this stage, which could result in impaired performance, coordination and concentration," said Dr. John Campbell, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center command surgeon. "Coffee, tea, juice and sodas are not substitutes for water. In fact, some of these are diuretics and can cause you to lose more body fluids."

More than 1,700 heat injuries occurred Army-wide during fiscal 2005 according to Brig. Gen. Michael B Cates, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. Of those injuries, 258 people suffered from heat stroke and 1,467 suffered from heat exhaustion.

"Steps could have been taken to reduce these injuries," said Campbell.

Staying hydrated is critical as it helps to maintain proper blood volume, which allows your body to perspire and regulate heat, according to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site.

The Army Technical Bulletin MED507, titled Heat Stress Control and Heat Casualty Management, stresses that six to eight quarts of water a day is the recommended consumption for people performing daily routine activities. For people who are located in hot environments or performing strenuous activities, it is recommended that a person's water intake should increase to between nine to 12 quarts.

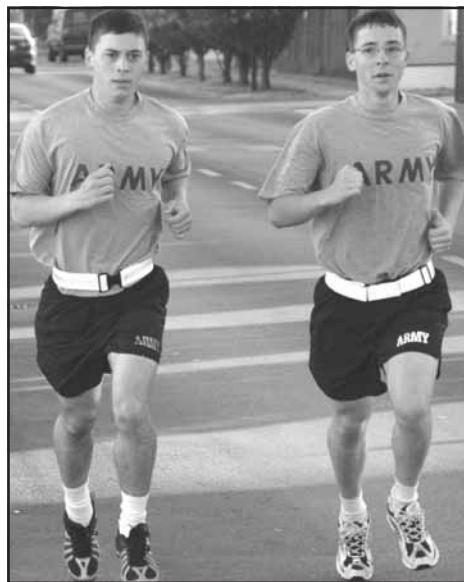
"Heat injuries can be preventable," said Campbell. "Leaders, supervisors and Soldiers

must keep an eye on each other and look for the early warning signs."

Some of the early warning signs of heat stress are:

- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea
- Unsteady walk
- Weakness or fatigue
- Muscle cramps

Individuals must also be made aware of over-hydration, a condition known as water intoxication, according to USACHPPM. Confusion, weakness and vomiting are some of the symptoms associated with this condition as well. If a person has been eating, drinking and urinating a lot, yet exhibits these symptoms, medevac or an ambulance should be immediately called for emergency transport.



**Soldiers take part in morning physical fitness training. Despite being early in the day, temperatures can still be in the low 80s, causing heat-related injuries. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)**

**The next Community Action Council meeting will be held July 26 in the Ederle Theater at 9 a.m. Childcare is offered at the CDC for \$4 per hour/per child during the CAC.**



# Army Community Services offers programs, events

By Christine Weld  
Outlook Volunteer

Army Community Service exists for the benefit of all members of the Vicenza community and truly has resources for everyone. ACS, located in Davis Family Readiness Center, should be the first stop for anyone looking for community information.

"ACS is the best organization for information and referral. If you're not sure who to ask, call ACS," advises Rita Bonamego, Community Readiness officer.

In addition to being a great resource about Army life and the Vicenza community, ACS offers several programs that target specific people and topics.

## New Parent Education and Support Program

For new parents who live away from their normal support system, the New Parent Education and Support program offers both education and support.

Together with the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza, the program offers a series of four classes, offered on a regular basis to expectant parents.

Topics covered include how to swaddle newborns, how to change diapers and breastfeeding basics. The class even offers fathers the chance to try out an "empathy belly," so they can experience a little bit of what their partners are going through.

"It's a nice way to help fathers empathize with the feelings and emotions of their spouses," says Andreina Howard, who runs the New Parent Education and Support program.

New Parent Education and Support is especially helpful for first-time parents, but all parents are welcome to take advantage of the services. The program aims to follow children through their 4th birthday, and helps parents understand their child's growth and development. Among other services offered are a playgroup and a comfortable space for breastfeeding mothers.

For more information, contact Andreina Howard at 634-7567.

## Exceptional Family Member Program

An exceptional family member is a spouse, child, stepchild, adopted child or a dependent parent residing with the sponsor who may require medical or educational services based upon a diagnosed physical, medical, intellectual or emotional need. The Exceptional Family Member Program works with eligible families by giving information, referrals, workshops, support groups, relocation assistance and crisis intervention. The EFMP can also act as an advocate for the family.

To enroll in EFMP, visit the

Frances Packard, EFMP manager at ACS or contact the patient representative at the health clinic. Enrollment is mandatory and the exceptional family member must be re-enrolled at least every three years unless his or her condition changes before that time.

To learn more about EFMP, call Frances Packard, EFMP manager, at 634-8528.

## Army Family Team Building

Army Family Team Building believes that strong families are the pillars of support behind strong Soldiers. AFTB is a volunteer-led organization that provides training and knowledge to spouses and family members to support the total Army effort.

AFTB Level I focuses on the basic skills and knowledge needed to live the military life. Level II allows the participant to grow into a community leader. Finally, Level III goes into inspiring and mentoring others into leadership positions.

In response to a community need, AFTB will be offering evening classes with childcare provided. The next round of AFTB classes begins in August. For those not able to attend AFTB in person, there is also the option to take the classes online at [www.myarmylifetoo.org](http://www.myarmylifetoo.org).

To sign up for an AFTB class or for more information, contact Kelly Walker or Comel Room at 634-8526.

## Employment Readiness

Spouses and family members seeking employment can contact the Employment Readiness Program for help with all matters job-related.

"We are here for spouses and family members. Our primary mission is to assist spouses and family members in achieving their career goals," says Allie Vallery, program manager.

The staff can assist with writing resumes, researching job postings, navigating the application process at the various base facilities and helping determine a suitable



The Employment Readiness manager helps a client with her Resumix resume. (Outlook file photo)



A child makes a card for her parents as part of SPARK, a program put on by ACS to help families reintegrate after a deployment. (Outlook file photo)

career path. The program also holds job fairs twice a year.

For more information, contact Allie Vallery at 634-6884.

## Community Readiness

An informed and well-prepared community is a successful community, and Rita Bonamego works tirelessly to ensure that the Vicenza community is prepared. As the Community Readiness Officer, Bonamego oversees training of Family Readiness Group leaders and other aspects of community, deployment and mobilization readiness.

Community Readiness also offers the TIPS program, or Translator Interpreter Program Services. Volunteers provide translation services for troops and family members, making it easier to overcome the language barrier many newcomers face.

Bonamego also continually assesses the needs of the community and develops additional workshops and programs to meet the specific needs of the Vicenza community.

To find out more about Community Readiness, contact Rita Bonamego at 634-8523.

## Relocation Readiness Program

New arrivals to the Vicenza area will find a wealth of resources at Relocation Readiness. The program assists relocating soldiers, family members and DoD civilians by providing them with the tools necessary for a smooth relocation process.

Services available include welcome packets, sponsorship training, information on local organizations and pre-and post-move counseling.

The program also offers classes to help ease the transition to Italy. The *Benvenuti* class welcomes newcomers and gives information on Italian language, culture and local resources. A tour of the hospital is also included.

The Standard Installation Topics Exchange Service program, called SITES, provides information on military facility worldwide, and is an extensive resource for those transitioning to the Vicenza community. The SITES program can be accessed at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites).

For help with all matters relating to relocation, contact Jolly Miller at 634-8525.

## Volunteer Recruitment and Placement Program

Those looking to contribute their skills to the Vicenza community should visit the Volunteer Recruitment and Placement Program. Randie Gibson, VRPP coordinator works to recruit, interview, place and support volunteers throughout the installation.

The VRPP offers a database of volunteer opportunities, volunteer recognition events, a volunteer council and volunteer orientation.

To learn about volunteer positions, contact Randie Gibson at 634-7942.

## Family Advocacy Program

The Family Advocacy Program works to strengthen families through education, activities and treatment programs. Many programs for families are offered, including cooking classes and arts and crafts projects.

In addition to fun, family-centered activities, the FAP office also works to prevent and reduce domestic violence, child abuse and child neglect through consultation, referrals, conflict resolution, stress management programs and intervention activities.

If necessary, the FAP program can provide emergency foster care for children and safe houses for adults and children. The staff can be contacted 24 hours a day.

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is available to provide victims of sexual assault with assistance and counseling. SARC can also be contacted 24 hours a day.

To learn more about FAP, call Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad at 634-7314. To contact SARC, call Tina Helmick at 634-6269.



"Muffins for Mom," brings children and moms together before school starts, and is one of the events put on by the Family Advocacy Program. "Doughnuts for Dad" is another parent/child event. (Outlook file photo)

## Financial Readiness Program and Army Emergency Relief

Financial Readiness offers a wide range of services to prepare Soldiers and family members to successfully manage their financial affairs. Through financial counseling, consumer advocacy, budget counseling and investment information, Financial Readiness helps educate the community on money management, proper use of credit and financial planning.

The program focuses on educational activities that help families prevent financial difficulties. Counselors are available to work with soldiers and family members to establish budgets, work with creditors, provide tax information and file consumer complaints.

For those facing debt, the Financial Readiness Program can help to arrange to pay off debts by encouraging clients to work with creditors to gain manageable financial positions.

The Army Emergency Relief program offers financial help to those in emergency situations in the form of interest-free relief loans and grants.

AER also offers tuition assistance for spouses and children.

Contact Angela Crosland for more information at 634-8524.

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# Youth go nuts with Camp Adventure

Story and photos by Jasmine Perry

Summer Hire

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School is out, and there is nothing for children to do? If you think that, you haven't heard of Camp Adventure.

Camp Adventure is for 1st through 5th grade children, and there are different kinds of activities and trips to participate in.

The children are divided into three groups based on age and grade, so they can participate in age-appropriate activities.

"We play high and low active games," said Ms. Praline, one of three Camp Adventure counselors for the Cool Team and Angels group, made up of 1st and 2nd graders. The Camp Adventure counselors use pseudonyms that go along with a specific theme – this year it's nuts – instead of their real names while working with the children. "High active games are games we play outside, and low active games are played inside."

"We try to act like a family," said Ms. Pecan and Mr. Lugnut, counselors of the K-9 Unit, which is made up of children mostly going into the 3rd grade. "Our group is tight, and we work together."

"We are like a little club," said Mr. Lugnut. "We have a handshake, and we try to get the children to stay together so they can get to know each other better."

Last but not least are the Peeps, made up of 4th and 5th graders.

"We try to do more competitive games," said Ms. Hazel and Ms. Cocoa, Peeps counselors.

"They don't like sitting around," said Ms. Hazel. "We try to teach them to be independent and give them responsibility."

"Usually there are 60 children here," said Beth Danilson, the project coordinator for Camp Adventure, "We have different themes every week. This week it is "Star Spangled Spectacular." We also switch off with clubs. Its a good way to have structured activities while, at the same time, the children get to pick their activities."

Every week the children have a selection of activities to choose from. The activities for July 3-7 were cooking class, arts and crafts, and computer class. These classes were not divided up by grades or ages, everyone had the opportunity participate.

In addition to games, camp participants go on all kinds of field trips, according to Michael Glanz, Camp Adventure director.

On Tuesdays the younger children go on trips, and on Thursdays the older children go. Mondays and Wednesdays they go swimming.

"I like the field trips," said Cade Born, who is in the K-9 Unit. "We go to places we wouldn't normally go if we were in school."

"I like camp because you can do games



and activities," said Amonti Williams, a member of the Peeps group. "My favorite game is Sharks and Minos, because it's like tag."

"I like swimming, and I'm learning how to swim, because I'm not good at it," said Austin Casper, another K-9 Unit member.

Camp Adventure is held Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services to attend. CYS Central Registration is located in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

If your child is already registered with CYS, then stop by School Age Services to sign them up for summer fun and adventure.

Call CYS Central Registration at 634-7206 for more information.

**Top: Children attending Camp Adventure are entertained by camp counselors. Called, the Blitz, the counselors perform every morning to get things started.**

**Above: Two young Camp Adventure participants visit Web sites that relate to the weekly theme. They are also allowed to play different computer and educational games.**

**Left: The different Camp Adventure teams and counselors play all kinds of games to keep them active and having fun. Camp Adventure is held Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children must be registered with CYS to attend Camp Adventure. Call 634-7206 for details.**



## American Red Cross thanks community

Vicenza American Red Cross

Press Release

On behalf of the volunteers, staff and clients of the Vicenza American Red Cross, we extend a sincere 'Thank you' to all the patrons of the Vicenza Post Chapel who willingly gave to the designated offering June 25.

The Red Cross is grateful for your continued support of our programs and services. These monies will be used to support local American Red Cross volunteer activities, to include recognition and awards,

training opportunities and childcare assistance.

In the past 12 months, 99 community members have volunteered for the American Red Cross, with one of them traveling all the way to Washington, D.C., for three weeks to help out during the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Those 99 volunteers contributed in excess of 9,500 hours over the past year! Thank you volunteers and thank you Vicenza Post Chapel for supporting what these great individuals do.

## Bosnian orphans visit Caserma Ederle

Story and photo by Anna Vallery

Summer Hire

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

On June 29, 14 Bosnian orphans, accompanied by three Italian escorts and two Bosnians adults, received a tour of Caserma Ederle. The Italian organization "Together for Sarajevo" has hosted the underprivileged children from Bosnia to a week's vacation in Vicenza for the past couple of years.

The USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office organized the visit, with help from the SETAF G2 and the post Carabinieri, so the children could experience a little bit of

America.

The group visited the Caserma Ederle Fire station where they were given a brief tour by firefighter Mario Pranovi.

The next stop was the commissary where Roy Hunnewell, commissary manager, gave the children goody bags filled with candy and toys.

Lunch was provided by Burger King, courtesy of Wade Hubble. Dessert followed in the form of a free ice cream cone at Baskin Robbins, arranged by Gundren Vest, food court manager.

At the end of their tour the children received T-shirts provided by Master Sgt. Scott Spigelmyer and pens from SETAF.



# Club Beyond annual 'Beach Break' brings teens, God together

By Anna Vallery

Summer Hire

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

From June 16 to the early morning of June 22, 12 Vicenza High School students joined about 300 other students from all over Europe at Camp Darby for the annual Club Beyond Beach Break. Joining them were two leaders, a student from SHAPE, Belgium, and the Vicenza Club Beyond director, Gil Carter.

When the group arrived at Camp Darby they were enthusiastically greeted by the 2006 Beach Break work staff. These are the people who are responsible for the food, activities, entertainment, and anything else the campers need.

The first activity the youth enjoyed was visiting a nearby water park where they went on waterslides, enjoyed the wave pool, and even played in a game of "slip-n-slide soccer." During the slip-n-slide soccer match, the participants found themselves sliding along a plastic court sprayed with water while they tried to score goals.

Day two of Beach Break was spent at the American Beach outside Camp Darby, where the youth had fun renting paddle boats, swimming, snorkeling, playing volleyball, or hanging out with new friends.

"My favorite part was that we got to chill with people from all over Europe," says Tim Sugrue, VHS freshman.

Monday was spent visiting the picturesque villages of Cinque Terre. The Vicenza group decided to go to Manarola first. In Manarola, there is a jumping cliff, but sometimes the waves are too big to jump. Only a few teens were able to jump off the cliff before the waves got too strong. The group had lunch, did some shopping in Manarola and then traveled up the coast to the village of Vernazza. There, with the smaller jumping cliff, is where Vicenza spent the rest of there time in Cinque Terre.

Day four found the youth back at the American Beach where many activities had been organized by the work staff.

At the end of each day, it was "Club" time. This is where the teens gathered in a large tent and sang popular songs such as, Sweet Home Alabama and other favorites. When the youth weren't singing along, it was because they were listening to Starting Tuesday, a band that volunteered for Beach Break 2006. The lucky youth from Beach Break got a free concert and met the band members. The teens were also entertained by two of the work staff who put on skits dressed up as two extreme sports fanatics and two retired wrestlers.

Activities after Club time included 'table time.' This is where the teens split into small groups and talked with their leaders about what they learned about God and what he did for us.

"I hope that after this week, the people who went found that Christianity isn't some dull existence, but full of friendship and adventure," said Gil Carter.

"It was an awesome chance to build up a relationship with Jesus," said Tim Sugrue.

Club Beyond holds Beach Break every year for both middle school and high school youth. In addition, Club Beyond has trips and activities all year long for middle and high school students, regardless of their religious affiliation.

"I would definitely recommend Beach Break to anyone who is interested, and to those who aren't, I'd urge them to look into it and see if they might become interested," said Megan Gafford, VHS student. "No one is shunned or ignored at any Club event, and, of course, you'll meet all sorts of new people, so you'll always have a friend to hang out with – it could be one of the best weeks of your life if you go."

For more information about Club Beyond and what the program offers, contact Gil Carter, Club Beyond director, at [vicecb@yahoo.com](mailto:vicecb@yahoo.com), or 634-6546, or cell 348-821-3328.



**Club Beyond's annual Beach Break visited Camp Darby and the five villages of the Cinque Terre, on the coast of the Italian Riviera.**





# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

### Feast of the Redeemer

In Venice July 15-16 is one of the best-loved Venetian feasts, the “Festa del Redentore” the *Feast of the Redeemer*.

This celebrates the city’s redemption from a devastating plague in 1576 when, in a desperate attempt to ward off the worst, the Senate decreed that if the city were to be saved, a temple would be built in honor of Christ the Redeemer.

The city duly survived and the church of the Redentore was built as a result, with Palladio and Da Ponte being just two of the architects linked to its completion.

Since then an annual pilgrimage has been held to commemorate Venice’s delivery from ruin, a tradition that Venetians are proud to continue today.

This year the festivities begin the evening of July 15 when hundreds of gaily-decorated boats gather in the Giudecca canal and in front of St. Mark’s.

The banks of the canals are thronged with the crowds of people who come to watch this display of lights and sounds, which culminates in a spectacular fireworks display over the water.

Traditionally, the night ends with all the boats going over to the Lido to await the sunrise.

On July 16, the feast revolves around a solemn procession to the church of the Redentore, which lies on the island of Giudecca.

Temporary “votive” bridges are formed across the Grand Canal and the Giudecca canal to enable the faithful to reach the church.

There are also gondola regattas on the Canale della Giudecca from 4 p.m. onwards.

Check out the Web site: [www.turismovenezia.it](http://www.turismovenezia.it) for full details.

### Stores and more

In Italy, unlike the U.S., stores are only allowed to have sales twice a year (unless they receive special permission, e.g. going out of business, etc.) and the summer sale season has begun.

Expect heavy traffic July 16 as the Palladio shopping center, located near Villaggio will be open 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and the Piramidi mall in Torri is open 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Malo: A Summer carnival parade winds through the town the evening of July 16;

Marostica: Fashion show in the famous main square July 15 at 9 p.m.;

Barbarano: The town of Barbarano will be celebrating the ‘Redeemer’ July 14-18 in the gardens of Villa Pedrina Rigon.

On July 14, 15 and 16 food stands open at 8 p.m. serving amongst the typical ‘sagra food’ on July 15 frogs and fried fish. There will also be rides for children and dancing to different groups at 9:30 p.m. every evening.

### Umbria Jazz

Perugia: *Umbria Jazz* festival continues until July 17.

July 15-16 there are free outdoor concerts galore at 11:30 a.m.

At 6 p.m. there are street parades with the New Wave Brass Band of New Orleans. At 6:30 p.m., in *Piazza IV Novembre*, listen to Monterey Next Generations Jazz Orchestra.

July 17: Carlos Santana will perform.

Visit [www.umbriajazz.com](http://www.umbriajazz.com) for details.

### Upcoming concerts

In Vicenza’s Piazza dei Signori on July 17 hear Riccardo Cocciant, and on July 19 James Brown performs.

July 21: Pooh performs in *P.le della Vittoria* at Mount Berico.

July 31: Festival Show on *Viale Mazzini*.

Milan: The *Rock In Idro Festival* will be held Sept. 2-3. There will be more than 40 bands playing on two stages in the Idroscalo in Milan, and include punk, hardcore and rock’n’roll stars such as NoFx, Ska-P, Offspring, Hives and Juliette & the Licks. Tickets are available online at [www.ticketone.it](http://www.ticketone.it).

A camp site will also be set up in the area with a cost of 5 euro per person each day. To reserve a site e-mail [campeggio@rockinidro.com](mailto:campeggio@rockinidro.com).

Sept. 4: Los Locos perform in *P.le della Vittoria*

The following performances will be held in the Verona area:

July 17: Ben Harper

Sept. 16: Pearl Jam

Sept. 21 & 22: Dracula Opera Rock

Oct. 5: Bruce Springsteen

### Bassano events

*OperaEstate*, summer opera, is taking place in Bassano through August. Enjoy opera, dance, jazz, theater and cinema.

The full program is available on the Web site [www.operaestate.it](http://www.operaestate.it), Italian only.

### Medieval dinner or waterfall park

Watch a tournament among medieval knights while you are being served dinner.

The show, dinner and all beverages, without limit, are included in the admission ticket.

During the months of July and Aug. there are two shows at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Medieval Times is part of the CanevaWorld entertainment center. Booking before the show is mandatory and can be done by calling 045 69 69 900.

English is spoken. CanevaWorld is located in the town Lazise sul Garda in the province of Verona. Web site: [www.canevaworld.it](http://www.canevaworld.it).

### Antique markets

Jesolo Lido: July 13 - 30 vendors in Piazzetta Casa Bianca from 6-11 p.m.; and the following markets.

July 16: Padova – More than 120 vendors in Piazza Prato della Valle from 9 a.m.

July 16: Soave – Find 100 vendors beginning at 9 a.m.

July 16: Bardolino – from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

## Approved overnight, resale parking lots on post

By the Office of the Provost Marshal  
Press Release

In an effort to try and more effectively manage the parking problem on Caserma Ederle, the Office of the Provost Marshal and the BOSS program established the BOSS re-sale parking lot. In addition to providing one consolidated location to sell cars, it helps avoid Caserma Ederle looking like one large “lemon-lot.”

In accordance with SETAF Reg. 190-2, the only authorized location

to park vehicles for sale is at the BOSS re-sale lot located in the parking area across from the DFAC. There is a one-time registration fee of \$5 which goes directly to support to our local BOSS program.

A registration card (which must be displayed in the vehicle window) can be obtained at the Vehicle Registration Office in Torri or by calling 634-7001 Monday-Friday.

Only personnel who live in Caserma Ederle or work during at night can park a vehicle overnight on post. This policy was established to help alleviate the

parking shortage we all experience.

Vehicles left overnight or on a long-term basis take away valuable parking to our community.

Anyone going TDY, on an ITR trip or on leave should go to the MP station and request a long-term parking space located at the south end of Hoekstra Field. A point of contact and phone number must be annotated on the request form in case the vehicle has to be moved for emergency purposes.

Direct questions to the Provost Marshal Operations office at 634-8891.

## Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

July 11	CLOSED	
July 12	American Dreamz (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 13	Akeelah and the Bee (PG)	4 p.m.
	American Dreamz (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 14	The Da Vinci Code (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 15	Akeelah and the Bee (PG13)	4 p.m.
	The Da Vinci Code (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 16	Stick It (PG)	4 p.m.
	United 93 (R)	7 p.m.
July 17	CLOSED	
July 18	CLOSED	

### Camp Darby Theater

Beginning in June, Camp Darby will also air movies on Thursdays.

July 13	Scary Movie 4 (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 14	Poseidon (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 15	United 93 (R)	6 p.m.
July 16	Over the Hedge (G)	2 p.m.

### Movie Synopsis

**AKEELAH AND THE BEE** - *Lawrence Fishburne, Keke Palmer.*

A young girl learns to believe in herself and value her intelligence in this family-friendly drama. Akeelah Anderson is an 11-year-old being raised by her mother, Tanya, who was left on her own after the death of her husband. While Akeelah is a very bright girl, she’s hardly a star student and seems afraid of acting like a bookworm around her friends and classmates. However, Akeelah’s teacher sees genuine potential in her student and encourages her to enter the school’s spelling bee, convinced Akeelah has the brains and the talent to win. Akeelah applies herself and emerges victorious in the local competition, but discovers the going gets tougher when she goes to a statewide bee.

**AMERICAN DREAMZ** - *Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid.* On the morning of his re-election, the president decides to read the newspaper for the first time in four years. This sends him into a downward spiral He begins reading obsessively, reexamining his black and white view of the world, holing up in his bedroom in his pajamas. Frightened by the president’s apparent nervous breakdown, his chief of staff pushes him back into the spotlight, booking him as a guest judge on the television ratings juggernaut.

**THE DA VINCI CODE** - *Tom Hanks, Jean Reno.* The murder of a curator at the Louvre reveals a sinister plot to uncover a secret that has been protected since the days of Christ. Only the victim’s granddaughter and Robert Langdon, a famed symbologist, can untangle the clues he left behind. The duo become both suspects and detectives searching for not only the murderer but also the stunning secret of the ages he was charged to protect.

**SCARY MOVIE 4** - *Molly Shannon, Anna Faris.* The Scary Movie gang is back with send-ups of “War of the Worlds,” “The Grudge,” “The Village,” “Saw” and “Saw II,” “Million Dollar Baby” and much more.

**OVER THE HEDGE** - *Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling.* Spring has sprung, and Verne and his woodland friends awaken from their long winter’s nap to discover that a tall, green “thing” has mysteriously cropped up right through the middle of their home. Enter RJ, an opportunistic raccoon, who explains that the world beyond the hedge is the “gateway to the good life” where peculiar creatures called humans live to eat, rather than eat to live.

**UNITED 93** - *Ben Sliney, Opal Alladin.* A drama that tells the story of the passengers and crew, their families on the ground and the flight controllers who watched in dawning horror as United Airlines Flight 93 became the fourth hijacked plane on the day of the worst terrorist attacks on American soil: Sept. 11, 2001.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.  
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.  
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

## Changes to fuel point policy

Directorate of Logistics  
Press Release

The Department of Defense funded renovation of the USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistics Fuel Point is nearly completed.

As a result, the fuel point will no longer dispense unleaded gasoline.

Effective July 21, all Intra-agency Fleet Management System (referred to as TMP) vehicles that require unleaded fuel, must go to the TMP Dispatch office and sign for unleaded fuel coupons.

This is the same procedure that users with diesel-fueled vehicles are currently executing.





Left: Several teens give it their all as participants of the hot dog-eating contest held July 4. The contest was just one of several events put on by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. Other contests included a watermelon seed-spitting contest, bake-off, and prize walk game. The festivities began at 2 p.m. for ID cardholders, and the gates were open to the Italian community at 6 p.m. Some events included a live performance by local group, Hillbilly Soul, country line dancing, kiddie and adult karaoke. The brand finale was the traditional fireworks display.

Below right: The all-girl band, Cowboy Crush, gave a free performance July 3 on the North-40. The group is touring Europe courtesy of the USO and Armed Forces Entertainment.

Bottom: The Ultimate Frisbee Tournament brought out several teams to compete despite temperatures in the 90s.

Photos by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs.



Above: The enthusiastic winner of the pie-eating contest (left) doesn't seem to mind being covered forehead-to-chin in cherry pie filling and whipped cream.



## Soldiers' Theatre play selected to compete in international community theater festival

By Anne Jarro  
Outlook Volunteer

"The Tolstoy Story Play" returned to Soldiers' Theatre in Vicenza for a special performance Friday and Saturday. Returning to Caserma Ederle to direct the performance were Allen and Karen Ebert, the original directors of the play.

The play was originally performed on post in September 2005, and went on to win the Best Show award during IMA-Europe's Festival of One Act Plays held the following month.

Now, "The Tolstoy Story Play," has been chosen by the American Association of Community Theatre to represent the Army and the U.S. in the AACT International Theatre Festival, which will be held in Texas. The original cast members, along with the Eberts, will be participating in the festival performance.

The Soldiers' Theatre production was chosen out of 7,000 American Community Theatre performances. A total of 10 countries will be represented at the festival.

The American Association of Community Theatre International Theatre Festival takes place once every four years.



A scene from "The Tolstoy Story Play" produced by Soldiers' Theatre. (Outlook file photo)

### Upcoming ITR trips

**Lucca and the wind cave:** July 15, from 6.30 a.m. - 10 p.m. - The city of Lucca is one of Italy's finest medieval treasures with some of the best preserved city walls. Get away from the heat and visit the wind cave. Cost: adults \$49; children ages 3-12 \$39; under age 3 free. Fee includes transportation, entrance to the cave, guided tour and escort assistance

**Olive oil tasting & waterfall park:** July 16, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Join us on this family friendly trip and then keep cool at the waterfall park where a local event will give you a taste of the local culture or have a picnic at the park. Cost: adults \$29; children ages 3-12 \$15; under age 3 free. Fee includes transportation, olive oil tasting, entrance fee to the waterfall park and escort assistance.

**Discover Italy: Ravenna mosaics tour:** July 19, from 8.30 a.m. - 8 p.m. - The three-time ancient capital of the Roman Empire, the Goths and the Byzantine Empire. A stop in Ferrara is included. Cost: adults \$49; children 3-10 \$25; under 3 free. Fee includes transportation, entrance fees, guided tour and escort assistance.